

**TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
RAIL TRAIL MINUTES
MAY 14, 2007
STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The meeting of the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee was held at Stevens Memorial Library on May 14, 2007.

Sworn-in members in attendance: Sallie Thoma, Sherisa Sterling, Paula Gorrell, Barnie Hines, Art Pinsoneault, Paula Gorrell and Irene Gelinas. Eric Smith, Town Planner and Cec Snow (ACT) were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

December 2006 and March and April 2007 minutes were approved.

Don Ouellette, the new town DPW Director was scheduled to speak to us but was called out for an emergency. He will come at a further date.

Flo Chemical ROW – their property has been rezoned. Sallie will meet with the Manager, Robert Karpiuk, and invited him to our June meeting. Owners Paul and Joel Freeman were invited to our July meeting.

Sallie informed us that the piece of land referred to as “the triangle” is now owned by us. Land Court, lot 48, map 51. Land Court, lot 48, map 51.

About the Cheshire Line – Sallie spoke with Darlene from the railroad company (Pan-Am Railways). We have to tell them exactly what we want to buy. The parcel, in question, is 40.3 acres and 3-4 miles long.

Some grant resources to look into are: Urban Self-Help Program that needs an application by the end of July. Recreational Trails Program by Oct. 1st. Safe Routes to School. We need to speak with the School Dept. at a later date. Apply to the Mt. Grace Land Trust for a grant.

The Cheshire Line will be on the ACT Agenda.

We need to consider safety factors, allowing snowmobiling, etc. in reference to this area.

Mark Dymek Land Swap is in the works. A hearing was held in April.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday June 11, 2007.

Submitted by: Irene G. Gelinas